

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting June 5, 2007

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, ACA, BC-HIS, Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA, Vice-Chair
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified-American Board of Otolaryngology
Charles Denmark, Consumer Advocate
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.
Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS
Kaydn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Staff Present:

Becky Boyd, Executive Director
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, attending through video conference.
Lynn Eason, Area Supervisor for the Enforcement Section of the Secretary of State Office.

Jeffrey Fargason established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 A.M.

Jeffrey Fargason welcomed Dr. Kaydn Ochs Williams as a new Board member. Introductions were made and Dr. Williams expressed her pleasure on being on the Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Board.

Jeffrey Fargason gave a report concerning Secretary of State Karen Handel's meeting with the Chairs of all the Boards on May 30, 2007.

Charles Denmark tendered his resignation from the Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Board. Mr. Denmark stated that it had been an honor and a pleasure to have been associated with the current and past Board members.

Henry Williams made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** as amended from the March 6, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **adopted** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Dr. Donald Cote to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **adopted** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAP000071	Ibrahim Malek Barghouti	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000072	Tasia Chalai Beck	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000073	Gerald W. Rice	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000074	Robin Elizabeth Hall	Hearing Aid Training Permit

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HAP000075	Anthony M. Harn	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HADS000807	John Henry Matteson, Jr.	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000808	David L. Morrison	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000809	Donda F. Morrison	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS0008010	Robert Scott Willis	Hearing Aid Dispenser

HADE034861	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034862	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034863	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034864	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034865	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer

RULES REVISION

Jeffrey Fargason, Board Chair, presented Rule 276-1-.03 for adoption at the June 5, 2007 meeting and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rule 276-1-.03 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any license and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-20-5 and 43-20-6.

The Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-20-5 and 43-20-6 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A)(B)(C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the fields of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.

Rule 276-1-.03 Henry Williams made a motion to **adopt** the changes to Rule 276-1-.03. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was **adopted** by the Board.

Henry Williams made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to receive the Board Attorney's Report. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Donald Cote, Charles Denmark, Ralph Jackson. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Cognizant Report

HA050052	Recommend to close with Cease and Desist.
HA060054	Recommend to close case.
HA070003	Recommend to close case.
HA070004	Recommend to close case.
HA070006	Recommend to close case.
HA070007	Recommend to close case.
HA070008	Recommend to close case.

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A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to close case number HA050052 with a signed Cease and Desist. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to close case number HA060054 with a Letter of Concern. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Kady Williams to close case number HA070003. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to close case number HA070004. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Kady Williams to close case number HA070006. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to close case number HA070007 with a Letter of Concern. The motion was seconded by Kady Williams and **adopted** by the Board.

A motion was made by Kady Williams to close case number HA070008 with a Letter of Concern. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and **adopted** by the Board. Ralph Jackson abstained from the vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Boyd reported to the Board that the Board Policy had been reviewed by Ms. Monroe and some changes had been made to the policy by the staff for updating on the web. Ms. Boyd announced that a Board Rules Committee made up of Vaughn Bray, Ms. Boyd and Beverly Cobb would start reviewing the rules and making suggestions for rule revision and updating.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, had no written formal report and no pending issues in the Attorney General's office.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to have Becky Boyd, Executive Director of the Board, respond to an email from Rick Pitt.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Charles Denmark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **adopted** by the Board.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman

Becky Boyd
Executive Director

Minutes approved September 4, 2007.

Prepared by: Dena Kirkman and Beverly Cobb

Reviewed by: Becky Boyd, Executive Director